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benefits to protect an equivalent amount of assets and still meet Medicaid's financial eligibility requirements, should they eventually require those services. Now the federal government had prohibited the development of additional partnership programs through OBRA '93. Many states, including Nebraska, passed resolutions urging the federal government to remove this restriction, and urging the federal government to remove those restrictions. In February, legislation was passed on the federal level allowing states to develop partnership programs by filing a state plan amendment with CMS. Therefore, the detailed language that was in the original LB 854 was no longer needed, and an amendment was offered at the public hearing reflecting the action on the federal level. This amendment became the committee amendments. AM3151 is LB 854 as amended by the committee amendments. This amendment was passed out of Health and Human Services unanimously. There was no opposition at the public hearing, and I would urge you to return this for this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham, for the opening on the motion to return. For discussion, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, I have no objection to the Cunningham amendment. In fact, Senator Jensen and I are busily at work on the amendment that he was about to offer to put this in shape. It didn't get reported out of the Revenue Committee as we're working to make sure that it's done in a form that all of us would be pleased with. And I endorse the Cunningham amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion? Senator Cunningham, there are no lights on. Did you wish to close on your motion? Waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 965 be returned for specific amendment? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Voting on the motion to return for specific amendment. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Mr. Clerk,